

**REMARKS**

Supplementing the Amendment filed December 21, 2005, and in response to the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action, Applicant's note that Spiegel fails to disclose that an allocation rule allocating a forwarding information item to a link to the destination node and to a new forwarding information item is used to forward a setup message. The Examiner, in his/her remarks, identifies routing table 13 as disclosing the allocation rule. However, the routing table in Spiegel does not include allocation of a forwarding information item to a link to the destination node and to a new forwarding information item, as required by the claimed invention. Additionally, Spiegel fails to disclose a forwarding information item included in the setup message being replace in the setup message by a new forwarding information item allocated to the former forwarding information item. That is, Spiegel fails to disclose replacement of forwarding information occurring within the setup message.

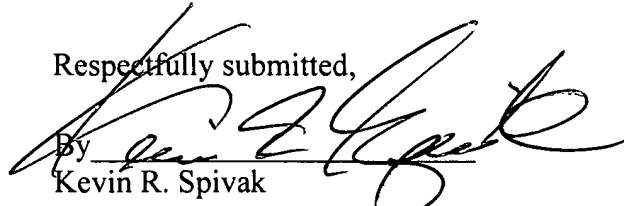
In view of the above, and the previously filed remarks, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.449122002600.

However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin R. Spivak", is written over a horizontal line.

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